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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the September 7, 2005 Office Action issued by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified application. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time extending the due date to March 7, 2006 accompany this Amendment. Please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.